

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1389

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EO 11652: N/A DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT

TAGS: BRТА, ENRG, CE

SUBJ: SRI LANKA OFFSHORE DRILLING

REF: STATE 156589

FOR NEA/INS, LEADER FROM HAWLEY

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO:

MR E DAVID PHILLEY

25UT TWO SHELL PLAZA

HOUSTON, TEXAS

TEL: (713) 222-9051

VERY FRUITFUL MEETING HELD WITH COOMARASWAMY  
AND WITHAMA OF CPC. DISCUSSED PRODUCTION  
SHARING CONTRACT WITH FIFTY/FIFTY SPLIT FOR  
20 YEARS AFTER RECOVERY OF ALL EXPLORATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT COSTS PER FIELD. NO SIGNATURE BONUS.  
GEOPHYSICAL AND EXPLORATION COST RECOVERABLE  
OUT OF 40 PERCENT IF COLOMBO OIL MARKET PRICE  
SEVEN US DOLLARS, 35 PERCENT IF PRICE NINE  
US DOLLARS, 30 PERCENT IF PRICE ELEVEN US  
DOLLARS. NOT CLEAR ON PERCENTAGES FOR GAS  
PRICES. CPC ALSO WANTS CONSIDERATION OF  
A TERMINATION OF PRODUCTION SHARING AFTER  
RECOVERY OF TOTAL INVESTMENT MULTIPLIED BY  
MUTUALLY AGREED ON FACTOR. TAX HOLIDAY FOR  
INCOME AND NON-LOCAL EMPLOYEES UNDERSTOOD.

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AREA SOUTHWEST OF MANNAR ISLAND, SOUTH

AND SOUTHEAST OF MAIN ISLAND AVAILABLE OFFSHORE  
ONLY. CHIEFTAN AREA NORTHEAST OF MAIN ISLAND  
APPROVED BY CPC AND MINISTRY NOW BEFORE CABINET.  
RMCN WILL ACCOMPANY CPC PERSONNEL TO PORT OF  
TRINCOMALEE TO VIEW BUNKERING AND HARBOR FACILITIES.  
ALSO HOPE TO VISIT MANNAR ISLAND. PHONES UNCERTAIN  
SO PLEASE WIRE RMCN THROUGH JAMES LEADER, STATE  
DEPT, SOONEST AS APPLICATION TERMS CAN  
BE DISCUSSED AND PREPARED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.  
R MCMURRAY, INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, COLOMBO,  
SRI LANKA.  
BYRNE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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